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CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET/CONTROL/NO OFFICIALS ONLY~~COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORTTOPIC Military Information from Halle 50X1-HUMEVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 50X1-HUMDATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 19 March 1951REFERENCES PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS

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1. Activity in the billeting area of the Luftnachrichtenschule and the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, Halle (M 52/D 92), between 3 and 7 February 1951 has increased, compared with recent weeks. Units of company and platoon size were seen marching to the drill field. The driving school in the Luftnachrichtenschule, which still quartered troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, has resumed training.

Intensive training of student tank drivers was conducted at the Brandberge.

observed SP guns with open turrets

The SP guns had 6 bogie wheels, 3 track-supporting rollers, a rear driving sprocket, and a front idler wheel. They were propelled by high-speed engines and mounted a gun of 70 to 80 mm. The crew was behind the gun in an open topped boxlike structure with a door opening to the rear. 50X1-HUM ball mount for a machine gun was to the left of the door. Truck driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets, was seen with the SP guns and tanks.

armored personnel carriers in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne. The driver's seat was covered similar to the former German armored personnel carriers. The barrel of a small gun of about 25 mm caliber projected 80 to 90 cm forward from a slot between the direct vision slots of the driver and the assistant driver. Previously, these vehicles were erroneously identified as large armored scout cars.

The unit quartered in the southern section of the former insane asylum seemed to be the one previously stationed in the Kluevor Kaserne. Soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, and motor vehicle were observed with the unit. Judging from the number of soldiers observed

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believed the unit to be only a small one. A service station at the southern edge of the former insane asylum was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered red epaulets.

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2. All soldiers observed at the Flak Kaserne, Woermilitz, wore red-bordered black epaulets. Most of the NCOs and officers wore tank insignia and some wore artillery insignia. Very intensive training activity was observed at the installation which quartered about 3,000 troops. Garages in the northern section of the billeting area were occupied to capacity by tanks.

A unit from the Flak Kaserne which ferried over to the southern bank of the Saale River was equipped with 80-mm mortars.

T-34 tanks moved through Woermilitz.

3. Only one officer and three EM wearing red-bordered green epaulets were seen at the Reil Kaserne during a two-hour period on 7 February. The observation of a driving school instructor wearing red-bordered black epaulets and driving students wearing red-bordered green epaulets indicated that driving lessons were also conducted in this installation.

Comments.

- (1) The collective billeting area of the Luftnachrichten Schule and the Fliegerhorst Kaserne is fairly definitely believed to quarter the Hq 21st Gds Mecz Div; the 19th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt; the 136th Gds Mort Regt and the unidentified Mtrcl Bn. possibly the 111th. probably belongs to a component unit of the 21st Gds Mecz Div. the 21st Gds Mecz Div was confirmed in Halle until 4 January 1951.
- (2) the unit in the insane asylum came from the Kluever Kaserne which was vacated by Soviet troops in November 1950. The unit is possibly a motor transport unit of the SCC,
- (3) The information supports the assumption that the Flak Kaserne quarters component units of the 21st Gds Mecz Div, namely the 28th Gds Tank Regt, which was confirmed there until 3 January 1951;

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the 68th Gds Mecz Regt, [redacted] and, possibly, also the
70th Gds Mecz Regt, [redacted] The motor vehicle [redacted]
mentioned in the present report belonged to the 21st Gds Mecz
Div.

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- (4) The Reil Kaserne still quarters an LVD unit, which is also
confirmed [redacted]

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